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Identical letters dated 27 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I am writing with regard to the recent statement by the President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in which he declared, "Israel must be wiped off the map of the world ... and God willing, with the force of God behind it, we shall soon experience a world without the United States and Zionism." He added, "the establishment of the Zionist regime was a move by the world oppressor against the Islamic world" and "the Islamic umma (nation) will not allow its historic enemy to live in its heartland".

It is appalling that a leader of a United Nations Member State would call for the destruction of another Member State. The United Nations aspires to unite peace-loving States, reflected in the Charter when it calls on them to be "determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind". This outrageous statement contradicts the international community's efforts to instil peace and security in the Middle East and learn the horrific lessons of war.

This malicious statement warrants a resolute and strong response from the international community. No Member State that calls for violence, death and destruction, as the President of Iran did yesterday, deserves a seat in this civilized body, the United Nations.

I should be grateful if you would arrange to have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the sixtieth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 14 and 108, and of the Security Council.

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